

April 30, 1947

Dr. E. L. Tatum
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Tatum:

Professor L. J. Cole reaches the retirement age this June. We plan to replace him with a young man who will work on the genetics of microorganisms. Can you suggest anyone whom we might consider for the post?

General interest in the genetics of microorganisms is, of course, too recent to have attracted many students in this direction. We realize that consequently there is a very narrow field from which to draw. The first consideration is that we get a man of scholarly character who is well trained in at least one segment of the field, and who is interested in making himself competent in the others. The position is primarily in research, although as the work developed there might be a call for some classroom teaching. You are familiar with our organization at Wisconsin and realize that we would want a man who could work effectively with certain other departments on the campus, such as Agricultural Bacteriology, Plant Pathology and Biochemistry. The salary offered would be commensurate with the man's training and experience. We would be interested in learning of anyone whom you would have to suggest for the position.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. Brink
Professor of Genetics

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